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To authorize the production of palladium bullion coins to provide affordable opportunities for investments in precious metals, and for other purposes.

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Mr. REHBERG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Eagle Palla-
5 dium Bullion Coin Act of 2010”.

6 **SEC. 2. PALLADIUM COIN.**

7 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
10 following new paragraph;

1 “(12) A \$25 coin of an appropriate size and
2 thickness, as determined by the Secretary, that
3 weighs 1 troy ounce and contains .9995 fine palla-
4 dium.”; and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “(v) PALLADIUM BULLION INVESTMENT COINS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the submission
9 to the Secretary and the Congress of a marketing
10 study described in paragraph (8), beginning not
11 more than 6 months after the submission of the
12 study to the Secretary and the Congress, the Sec-
13 retary shall mint and issue the palladium coins de-
14 scribed in paragraph (12) of subsection (a) in such
15 quantities as the Secretary may determine to be ap-
16 propriate to meet demand.

17 “(2) SOURCE OF BULLION.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
19 acquire bullion for the palladium coins issued
20 under this subsection by purchase of palladium
21 mined from natural deposits in the United
22 States, or in a territory or possession of the
23 United States, within 1 year after the month in
24 which the ore from which it is derived was
25 mined. If no such palladium is available or if it

1 is not economically feasible to obtain such palla-
2 dium, the Secretary may obtain palladium for
3 the palladium coins described in paragraph (12)
4 of subsection (a) from other available sources.

5 “(B) PRICE OF BULLION.—The Secretary
6 shall pay not more than the average world price
7 for the palladium under subparagraph (A).

8 “(3) SALE OF COINS.—Each coin issued under
9 this subsection shall be sold for an amount the Sec-
10 retary determines to be appropriate, but not less
11 than the sum of—

12 “(A) the market value of the bullion at the
13 time of sale; and

14 “(B) the cost of designing and issuing the
15 coins, including labor, materials, dies, use of
16 machinery, overhead expenses, marketing, dis-
17 tribution, and shipping.

18 “(4) TREATMENT.—For purposes of section
19 5134 and 5136, all coins minted under this sub-
20 section shall be considered to be numismatic items.

21 “(5) QUALITY.—The Secretary may issue the
22 coins described in paragraph (1) in both proof and
23 uncirculated versions, except that, should the Sec-
24 retary determine that it is appropriate to issue proof
25 or uncirculated versions of such coin, the Secretary

1 shall, to the greatest extent possible, ensure that the
2 surface treatment of each year's proof or uncir-
3 culated version differs in some material way from
4 that of the preceding year.

5 “(6) DESIGN.—Coins minted and issued under
6 this subsection shall bear designs on the obverse and
7 reverse that are close likenesses of the work of
8 famed American coin designer and medallist artist
9 Adolph Alexander Weinman—

10 “(A) the obverse shall bear a high-relief
11 likeness of the ‘Winged Liberty’ design used on
12 the obverse of the so-called ‘Mercury dime’;

13 “(B) the reverse shall bear a high-relief
14 version of the reverse design of the 1907 Amer-
15 ican Institute of Architects medal; and

16 “(C) the coin shall bear such other inscrip-
17 tions, including ‘Liberty’, ‘In God We Trust’,
18 ‘United States of America’, the denomination
19 and weight of the coin and the fineness of the
20 metal, as the Secretary determines to be appro-
21 priate and in keeping with the original design.

22 “(7) MINT FACILITY.—Any United States mint,
23 other than the United States Mint at West Point,
24 New York, may be used to strike coins minted under
25 this subsection other than any proof version of any

1 such coin. If the Secretary determines that it is ap-
2 propriate to issue any proof version of such coin,
3 coins of such version shall be struck only at the
4 United States Mint at West Point, New York.

5 “(8) MARKETING STUDY DEFINED.—The mar-
6 ket study described in paragraph (1) means an anal-
7 ysis of the market for palladium bullion investments
8 conducted by a reputable, independent third party
9 that demonstrates that there would be adequate de-
10 mand for palladium bullion coins produced by the
11 United States Mint to ensure that such coins could
12 be minted and issued at no net cost to taxpayers.”.

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